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In re Application of: L. SHAPIRO)	Group Art Unit: 1653	BO HON NOV SEC
Serial No.: 09/518,098)))	Examiner: Lukton, D.	N 2 6 20 ENTER 16
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Title: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY, METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF VIRAL INFECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00, wherein the Applicant qualifies for small entity status.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Respectfully submitted,

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